

JOHN L.'S LIVES HAVE HAD ROUGH GOING WITH SO MANY OTHERS DYING IN THE MEANWHILE

SECOND BASE MATERIAL SCARCE IN BIG LEAGUES THIS SEASON; BOTH HOME TEAMS IN DISTRESS

Connie and Pat Have Ordinary Minor League Shortstops Apparently Slated for Keystone Job—Collins and Herzog Stars

THE "initial sack" is well named. In fact, it is correctly labeled, as also is the "hot corner." But there is no more appropriate description of a point of play in baseball than the "keystone bag." The second station is the pivotal point of infield activities and the storm center of double plays, and the way the job is handled at that point determines as a rule the force and effect of infield pasting.

A glance at the dope shows that there will be few high-class second base performers in the majors the coming season. There will be few changes, but last season's crop was poor and the few new men coming up for trial do not appear to have big-league makings.

With Nicholson gone, Pat Moran has Snooks McGaffigan slated to take the holdout's position in the line-up. McGaffigan was a shortstop last year with Richmond, in the International, who batted .319 and hit .269. Nicholson batted .255, a better comparative mark, and flied five points better; but the comparison is, of course, difficult, inasmuch as McGaffigan played at a different spot and in addition there never is any telling what a recruit will do.

McGaffigan was a nifty man on the paths with twenty-six stolen bases, while the best Shannon could do in the same circuit was five. Grover turned in a card showing more than twice as many as Shannon, twelve. The second base problem seems to be the most potent one with both home teams, viewed from the present angle.

There will be only two other big league newcomers to get second base tryouts, both of whom will have the advantage of previous tries and fine years in the minors in 1917. These are Russell Blackburne, with the Cincinnati Reds, and Ollie O'Mara, with Brooklyn.

Collins and Herzog Stand Out in the Two Leagues

FROM a class standpoint one player stands out in each circuit. Eddie Collins is far ahead of the field in the Ben Johnson circuit, even further than Buck Herzog is in the older organization. Collins led the company in his league in all points of play, capping his work with a hero performance in the world's series, and Eddie is bound to be as good as gold again this year.

The entire remainder of the American League outfit is decidedly ordinary. Wambugans being the nearest approach to a real second-leader. Two changes are to be noticed in this circuit. Joe Gedeon went from the Yanks to the Browns, while Dave Shorn was passed by Cincinnati through the waiver into the American in order to give the Red Sox at least a technical claim on a second baseman.

In the National Larry Doyle should easily jump up next to Herzog. Larry both outfielded and outbatted the amiable Marylander last season, but the personality stuff pushes Herzog ahead of the amiable Irishman in popular and club estimation. Nicholson will have to beat Al Betout out of the berth out for him the coming season and the former Phil certainly has the call in one respect. He is a much better hitter.

The average hitting capacity of each league is about .248, with the National having a slight margin as a result of O'Mara swatting .306 in the Southern last season. Eddie Collins is the next second-sacker in hitting, with a low mark for him of .269. Pitter, of the Pirates, had the best fielding average in the National last season with .956.

The following table shows the records last season in hitting and fielding of those scheduled to do the big league keystoneing the coming year:

Table with columns for AMERICAN LEAGUE and NATIONAL LEAGUE, listing players like Collins, Herzog, Gedeon, and their statistics.

Bomb-Throwing Is Some Joyous Sport

A CANADIAN bomb hurler declares that the game of heaving the heavy pill is quite a joyous affair. There is a lot of "urg" or something similar to it. It carries a thrill, and from what the party has to state the impression is certain that the said thrill is largely affected by the size of the "atomic" audience into which it is introduced.

"Bombing is the most enjoyable form of all fighting. It gives a sense of personal contact with the enemy that is lacking in either rifle shooting, artillery or bayonet work. You follow, mentally, the grenade as it leaves your hand and visualize the way it lands amid a lot of the bushes and know that it delivers. You always get several men instead of just one and you are near enough to where it lands to almost feel the destruction it causes.

"Owing to the fact that most throws are made from a trench whose top is two feet or more over a grenadier's head, the heave has to have a high trajectory to get the desired distance of twenty yards or so. Only a body swing will get the bomb, which weighs eight and one-half ounces, into the opposing trenches. Spread your feet three feet apart and keep them both on the ground while you sail the bomb over to Fritz, and don't be afraid to get too close to the ground with your throwing hand."

THE adeptness of Canadians in grenade heaving is attributed to their baseball training. The sturdy wing, trained eye and general throwing power developed by baseball make the American national sport the very best for producing bombers.

Bescher Offered an "Insulting" Salary

ROB BESCHER, former Cincinnati, New York and St. Louis outfielder, has been insulted. Milwaukee has offered him \$2500 to play ball at that place and the former puller down of \$7000 per is indignating a whole lot. He can grab off more coin than that, he states, driving the sprinkling cart at the old homestead at London, O. Gladly reflecting upon the comedown of one of the many "another Ty" Cobbs, Daniels in the New York Sun states:

"There is a rather interesting tale behind the coming of Bescher to New York. The trade which sent Herzog to Cincinnati and Bescher here was engineered by John B. Foster, secretary of the New York club, while McGraw was away on the world tour. The manager of the Giants knew nothing about it until he came home, and then he proceeded to throw fifty-nine different varieties of fits. Before McGraw went away he saw Artie Shaffer in California and learned from him that his talk about retiring was no mere threat, but that he meant every word of it. It seems that Foster did not take Shaffer seriously and he proceeded to release Herzog—a man whom he valued at that time. Now Herzog is holding out on the Braves, Shaffer is in the marine corps on the coast and Bescher is offered only \$2500 by Milwaukee. How times do change! Bescher is not likely to wind up on that sprinkling cart, for his folks are wealthy. If they had not been so Bescher might have turned out a real rival of Cobb."

Fish and Horse Bugs Helped by Light-Saving

FISH and racehorse bugs will join in the general chorus of thanksgiving swelling up from the throats of lovers of outdoor sports as a result of the added hour of daylight.

Lovers of the rod will get more advantage out of the now law than any other class of sportsmen," states a leading expert. "The added time will be enough to give office men, who comprise a large part of the membership of the local clubs, the extra time needed to allow them to turn out on their daily business."

As the season opens anglers are laying plans to hold their fishing races earlier than in previous years. The first race will be held on the Delaware river on the 15th of May. The season will be held on the Delaware river on the 15th of May. The season will be held on the Delaware river on the 15th of May.

THE CONVALESCENT



PLAN BIG YEAR FOR STORE TEAM

Manager Truit, of Strawberrybridge, Signs Many New Players

OPEN SEASON MAY 11

Many new faces will be seen this year on the Strawberrybridge & Clontarf baseball team. Manager Alfred M. Truit already has signed several college and minor league stars. The store team plans to open the season on Saturday, May 11, on its home grounds at Clontarf and Walnut streets.

Oden May Pitch

Manager Truit is after big Johnny Oden, the Swarthmore College baseball star, to do the twirling for his team. Bob McKenty did the bill work for the department store aggregation last year. McKenty is now with Pat Moran's bunch. A new catcher, H. Hatz, recently of the Eastern League, will be seen with the local side.

Nick Carter in Left

"Nick" Carter, formerly of Northwood and now of Swarthmore College, will be seen in a Strawberrybridge uniform this year. Carter will play right field, with Letters and Curtis in the other outfield positions. One of the players of last season who will be missed is the Chinese player, Alfred T. Y. Yap, who formerly held down first base. The Oriental was held down by the Chinese League, which played around this section two years ago. Yap is now in France. He is connected with the American Ordnance Department. The player who is applying for a transfer to the aviation section. This he tells in a letter written to Manager Truit, of the Strawberrybridge team, received the other day.

Amateur Notes

Park Edge A. C., a semi-professional traveling team, center to head games with teams having a home base in Philadelphia, New Jersey, or Delaware, offering a franchise guarantee. H. Foster, 100 South 24th street.

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NEW DAYLIGHT SAVING LAW WILL BE A TREMENDOUS BOON TO GOLFERS ALL OVER COUNTRY

Extra Hours Will Enable Players in All Sections to Devote a Little More Time to Healthful Recreation on Links

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS, JR.

TO NO other sportman does the extra hour of daylight mean so much as to the golfer. The tennis player may be a possible exception, but the very strenuous game, all played well within the hours of daylight. Golfers, however, have always loved their early and late games and to be able to get in a round before going to business and another one after the working day was over has been the ambition of many a golfer. It appears to the golfer as an excellent way to begin a day and a most satisfactory one to end it.

Means Lot to Golfers

Long before this extra hour of daylight was considered a boon to golfers, the prevalence and desirability of the twilight hours of practice, and I know from experience that it is a boon to improve a man's game. At public and private courses, for many years golfers have been accustomed to rise early and to get in an extra round at the end of the day. The twilight hours of practice, and I know from experience that it is a boon to improve a man's game. At public and private courses, for many years golfers have been accustomed to rise early and to get in an extra round at the end of the day.

DOGGERS WOULD LIKE TO GET SHERRY MAGEE

Sherrill Magee has been mentioned as the possible fourth man in Brooklyn's outer garden. The veteran would bring a big help, but Matty has refused to let him go. The Dodgers would like to get Sherry Magee. The veteran would bring a big help, but Matty has refused to let him go.

"KING" LEAR, GREAT MUSICIAN, BUT CRAZY ABOUT BASEBALL

Former "A" Player Declares He Will Make Good With Cubs This Year or "Bust."

EVERYBODY breaking into baseball named Lear must answer to the Christian name of "King" and the same as if his name was Cole. All Cole and Lear are "Kings" just like all Younes and "Pepe." The Young family used to be all "Cys" but that is on the outside of the present narrative.

INTERNATIONAL NEEDS ONE TEAM FOR CIRCUIT

New League Adjourns Until Next Week When Details Will Be Perfected

New York, April 6.—After an all-day session which lasted until a late hour last night, the promoters of the new international league adjourned to meet again at Buffalo Thursday, April 11. The Buffalo meeting is scheduled for the coming baseball season and will be considered and adopted. The committee in charge of the league is composed of Joseph J. Lannin, Buffalo, and Charles T. Chapin, Rochester.

WESTERN MARYLAND WINS

Baltimore, Md., April 6.—In a pitcher's battle between McManis and Wheeler, Johns Hopkins went down to defeat yesterday before Western Maryland College by the score of 2 to 1.

BROWN'S SEASON BEGINS MONDAY

Couch Dietz's Pupils Meet Frankford High in First Game

SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED

By PAUL PREP

With the opening game of the season with Coach Pallenhagen's Frankford High School nine scheduled for this Monday afternoon, Harry Dietz, instructor of baseball tactics at Brown Preparatory School, had his pupils work out at a last pace during the last week. During the Easter holidays Dietz held two practices a day, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Brennan Star Catcher

Brennan possesses a strong throwing arm and the manner in which he whips the ball around the bases will turn heads in the amateur ranks. Brennan is a first-class pitcher. Brennan is a first-class pitcher.

Pete Hurley Returns

Pete Hurley will be missed in the pitching line. Pete enlisted in the naval reserve as a member of the radio school several months ago, but as he attends the wireless school in the morning and Brown Prep in the afternoon he is eligible to play on the ball team. Hurley is one of the best schoolboy pitchers in this section, and his return assures Brown of a first-class twirler.

CHAS. ELLIS DEFEATS REISELT IN CUE MATCH

Charles Ellis, of Milwaukee, defeated Otto Reisel in a cue match at Allinger's Academy last night. The series between the experts stands now at one to one. The next match will be played tonight.

NATIONAL A. A.

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AFTER THREE WEEKS OF WORK AT ST. PETE TRAINING BASE PHILS READY FOR JAUNT NORTH

Moranmen's Farewell to Florida Camp Will Be Two Strenuous Sessions, Today—Start Barnstorming Monday—Shifts Outfield

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THIS was get-away day at Coffee Pot Park, and the athletes put in some hard work before starting on the journey to the general direction of the North and the terrific racket was held this morning and in the afternoon a race between the Regulars and the Goofs was on the program. Tomorrow the Phils will devote the entire day to bathing and on Monday morning the trip will begin.

After three weeks in this wonderful training camp at St. Pete, the Phils are in fighting trim to meet all comers. From a gang of graceful section hands the players have been molded into a big league ball club, and the series with Washington and the Athletics are looked upon as mere practice games. The Phils are confident of grabbing from the other clubs.

Camp More Cheerful

The sale of Nicholson and signing of Whitted made things look more rosy on the eve of departure. Nicholson has been a thorn in the side of the club and has been tolerated only because of his holding out, no matter what kind of a contract he received. It is said that he was not very keen for the spring training camp and that he stayed away as long as possible. Now that he has been shunted to St. Louis it is up to him either to report or quit. The game Moran is confident of grabbing from the other clubs.

Catching Staff Strong

The catching end, with Adams, Burt and Dillmore, is well taken care of. Two more pitchers are needed to fill out the hurling staff. Mayer, Oeschger, Timm and Pradergast are in shape, but Pradergast is in a trifle slow in rounding into condition. Woodward and McKenty are young for fast company, and will be sent to a minor league club for more experience.

Williams Has Quit

As was predicted in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER two days ago, Williams has quit.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By BILL BELL

THE bantams will frolic at the National A. A. tonight. Matchmaker Herman Taylor has corralled ten high-class boys who could around the 116-pound mark and the wee ones should supply all kinds of entertainment. Joe Lynch, rangy New York boy, should be well entertained by Frankie Duran, of Jersey City.

Burns has fought all the high-class bantams since Johnny Conlon was in his prime. He engaged Kid Williams twice in championship battles and once went the twelve-round distance with Pete Herman. He never was a champion, but he always has been a top-notch fighter.

Tuber vs. Sharkey

Joe Tuber, the pride of Herman Hindin's stable, and Jack Sharkey, of New York, will be the semi-finalists. Herman has been unusually conservative in his selection of the outcome of tonight's bout.

Bennah Leonard

Bennah Leonard, lightweight dictator, will be with us Monday night. The Phils will have a new champion.

PENN FENCING WINS EASTERN PA. TITLE

M. P. Charnock, Red and Blue Captain, Captures Championship

Herrmann's Gymnasium was the scene of the annual meet for the championship of the Eastern Pennsylvania Division of the Amateur Fencers of America last night. Before a large crowd of enthusiasts M. P. Charnock, of the University of Pennsylvania, won the championship against a field composed of some of the best fencers in this part of the country. Charnock began fencing only last year, when he was captain of the freshman team, and this year he was also elected to lead the Quaker men.

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